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SERIAL NO.: 08/482,862) Art Unit: 3201
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FOR: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) Attorney Docket
 FORMING AND MERMETICALLY) No. 2108CONCIPCON2
 SEALING SLICES OF FOOD)
 ITEMS)

**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE
STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97, 1.98**

Honorable Commissioner of
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, as well as M.P.E.P. § 609, and without prejudice to Applicant, Applicant's attorneys identify patents which the Examiner is asked to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified application.

Neither Applicant nor his attorney represent, by the filing of this statement, that any items listed here do in fact constitute "prior art" to the present invention, that a state of the art search for more relevant art has been made, or that items of art potentially more relevant than the patent listed below do not, in fact, exist.

The art is listed below, and copies are attached.

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